



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1909.

PAUL AT ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

Sunday School Lesson for May 9, 1909
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Acts 13:13-32. Memory verses 23, 29.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The word of the Lord was published throughout all the region."—Acts 13:49.

TIME.—Immediately after the last lesson, probably (according to Prof. Ramsay), in the summer of A. D. 46 or 47.

PLACE.—Perga, the capital of Pamphylia, on the southern coast of Asia Minor, and Antioch, the capital of Pisidia, southern Galatia, about 100 miles north.

Suggestion and Practical Thought.

Hitherto (see Acts 13:7, etc.) it had been "Barnabas and Saul," now it is "Paul and Barnabas" (vs. 43, 46), and "Paul and his company," including Barnabas, John Mark, and perhaps others. Paul's ability as a leader has been proved at Cyprus, and was afterwards unquestioned.

Y. 18. "John (Mark) departing from them returned to Jerusalem," his home. 1. Perhaps he did not like to see Paul superseding his cousin Barnabas. 2. Perhaps, as one brought up strictly in Jerusalem, he objected to Paul's free intercourse with the Gentiles. 4. Perhaps he dreaded the perils of travel in the wild, bandit-infested region that lay before them. 5. Perhaps he had been weakened by the fever and felt unable to go on. Paul was not satisfied with the reason, whatever it was (Acts 15:37-40), and separated from Barnabas when, later, he insisted on taking Mark along. But Mark was ready for the second missionary journey, and was afterwards restored to Paul's good opinion (see inductive Study 2).

"No man ever became great or good except through many and great mistakes."—Gladstone. "The only people who make no mistakes are dead people. I saw a man last week who has not made a mistake for 4,000 years. He is a mummy in the Egyptian department of the British Museum."—H. L. Wayland.

Y. 24. "They went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day," as was their custom. Thus they wisely made their first appeal to the Jews.

The sermon as a whole. "The task before Paul was difficult. He had to win the confidence and hold the attention of an audience to which he was quite unknown. He had to keep the ground of Israel's peculiar history and hope, and yet to show that at the holy city itself the Messiah had been rejected and crucified. But St. Paul was the very man for an emergency."—Donald Fraser, D. D.

They keynote of Paul's sole message, repeated on a hundred occasions, and with infinite variations of emphasis, is found in St. Luke's account of his visit to Athens, in the words, "he preached Jesus and the resurrection." This first of his sermons of which we possess any portion may perhaps be regarded as a type of the Pauline sermon.—Rev. George Francis Greene.

It was (1) tactful, taking his hearers on their own ground; (2) humble, leaving himself out and exalting Christ; (3) courageous and frank, not hesitating to state the truth though it would offend preconceived views; (4) Biblical, bound up with the Scripture throughout; (5) practical, coming to a personal application, ending, as Lyman Beecher said every section should end, with a "snapper."

Forgiveness, through Christ. That truth, as always in Paul's preaching, was the climax of this sermon. "Forgiveness," R. V., remission "of sins," is literally, the putting or sending them away. It includes the removal of the penalty for sin, though not immediately all the consequences of sin. It includes the cleansing of the heart from sin and restoration to God's favor. These are wonderful and priceless gifts, and Christ offers them to us for the asking.

Y. 45. "Envy (jealousy), when the Jews saw the multitudes" (of Gentiles). The Jewish leaders were angry (1) because others and strangers did what they could not do themselves; (2) because they differed from Paul's teaching, and especially his application of the Messianic hopes to the condemned and crucified Jesus; (3) because they themselves felt condemned by such warnings as those in vs. 40, 41; (4) because, though they would be pleased if the Gentiles would become Jewish proselytes by conformity to circumcision and other requirements, they objected strenuously to their admission on easier terms, such as Paul proposed.

Missionary Expulsions. This was the first of many similar expulsions suffered by Paul, and those were only the beginnings of such experiences endured by missionaries in all lands. Thus Judson and his comrades were driven from Calcutta. Thus Milne was driven from Canton, and compelled to begin missionary labors for China from the Malay Peninsula. Thus in 1835 all the missionaries were driven from Japan for two centuries. Thus John G. Paton, after a thousand perils, was driven from the island of Tanna. But in every case Christianity has returned, all the stronger for its experience of persecution.

What is My Attitude Toward Truth? This question is of fundamental importance. The lesson illustrates four ways of answering it: (1) John Mark's way, following the truth while the road is easy, but deserting it when it becomes disagreeable and danger-

ous; (2) Paul's way, following the truth at all hazards, eagerly and joyously, wherever it leads; (3) the way of the Antioch Jewish leaders, opposing the truth when it offends their pride and self-esteem and prejudices; (4) the way of the Gentile converts, accepting the truth readily and humbly, and publishing it abroad.

SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

Some people never have anything except ideals.

Poor and rich people have very funny notions of each other.

A man's liver is the ugliest part of him, and usually costs the most.

A woman who has buried one husband, separated from a second and lives unhappily with a third doesn't usually think very well of the men.

In the fullest interpretation of the term, a "society woman" is a woman with nothing to do, and who wouldn't do it if she had.

If a woman admits her husband's goodness it is usually in connection with something he has done for her kin.

The greatest joke in the world is perpetrated on any man who steals a girl's pocketbook. The penitentiary is so large, and the contents of her purse so small.

When a woman travels as far as ten miles on a railroad train she has a way of impressing those who got on the train after she got on with the fact that she started in New York two days ago, and is on her way to Manila.

It is getting to be harder all the time to be an ideal man to a child. A few years ago a child smiled down the tips of its toes upon receiving a nickel, but these days it regards a dollar as nearer its size.

A woman was sitting around home, reading. Suddenly the man made a violent exclamation. Those sitting around with her thought she had run across an announcement that a step-mother had murdered five or six step-children, at least. But the woman had encountered an advertisement of stockings at \$25 a pair.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

SAVINGS FROM THE SANSKRIT.

"Remember me, O beloved!"—"I will not remember thee."—"Memory is a duty of the heart."—"My heart thou hast stolen."

This has not been seen; that one thing is sown and another springs up; whatsoever seed is sown, that also springs up.

In doing base things, the mind of the evil man displays great shrewdness; in darkness the eyes of the owl see keenly.

Through meekness overcome the angry, through goodness the bad, through generosity the miser, through truth the liar.

Not alone shall a man enjoy a feast, not alone shall he take thought of his affairs, not alone shall he travel, nor watch alone when all others sleep.

Set not thy heart on things that are to be attained only through too great labor, through transgression of the law, or through humiliation before thy enemy.

Be not jealous of women. Care for them, share with them, speak kindly to them, be tender with them, give them sweet words, but let them not rule thee.—The Sunday Magazine.

WOMAN'S FIRST DUTY.

Health is woman's first duty.

Live in the open air and sunshine.

Keep early hours for sleep and plenty of them.

Dress judiciously, cool in summer, warm in winter.

Protect your ankles, the most sensitive part of the human body.

Masticate your food well and see that it is properly cooked and nutritious.

Let out tight clothing that you may have room to expand the diaphragm and breathe deeply.

Take off your high heels that throw the delicate organs out of place and injure your eyesight.

Keep mind and body active, your heart light and happy that you may bring sunshine into the home and be a power in the world.

That is woman's first duty.

GETTING AT THE TRUTH.

At 23 he thought fate was making a special effort to keep him down.

At 35 he thought he might have done great things if his wife had not been such a handicap.

At 40 he believed he would have been a great man if his children had not made it necessary for him to cling to the sure things.

At 50 he was positive that there was a conspiracy against him on the part of his fellow men.

At 60 he felt that if he could have been 35 again nothing could have stopped him.

At 70 he began to believe that he had failed because of a lack of courage and inability to make the most of his opportunities.

At 80 he was almost sure of it.

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VERSE WORTH READING.

Knowledge.
If only we could see what lies ahead,
If we might look beyond to-morrow's portals,
I wonder if we should, absolved from dread,
Be happy-visaged and contented mortals?
Would all the hate and heartaches disappear,
Would all the blot out all memories of sorrow—
Would courage come to take the place of fear,
If we could see what lies beyond to-morrow?

If we could know what destinies the fates
Are shaping now for us who blindly blunder,
And off in vain assault forbidden gates,
How would the knowledge profit us, I wonder?
Would failure cease to break the hearts of men?
Would night's deep, silent darkness lose its terror?
Would he that ought to die lay down the pen?
Would all who stumble cease to grope in error?

We know that right is right, that wrong is wrong,
That thus it was ordained at time's beginning;
We know that honors to the wise belong,
That sorrow is the heavy price of sinning.
Yet foolishly we sin and venture where the currents, swift or late, will drag us under;
If somehow all the future were laid bare,
How would beholding profit us, I wonder?

—S. E. Kiser, in Youth's Companion.

Simple.
It ain't the solemn promise that a big official makes
To guard the public welfare from bad faith or from mistakes
Which constitute the chief reliance of the happy throng
That fathers' round to welcome him with cheering and with song.

It ain't the store of knowledge he may have at his command
That makes us sort of feel that he's the chap to take a hand
At molding public destinies. He manages to win
Our admiration by the way he does the best he kin.

We don't require the fellow that's familiar with the trick
Of dazzling the intelligence with sparkling rhetoric;
We don't need anybody who goes in to make a show
By imitating statesmen who have flourished long ago.

We want the fellow citizen—a workin' man with a will,
Not holdin' out on conscience any more than brain or skill;
And so each adds his little shout unto the general din,
A-fellin' satisfied to know he'll do the best he kin.

—Washington Star.

Beyond.
Think thou and act; to-morrow thou shalt die.
Outstretched in the sun's warmth upon the shore
Thou sayest: "Man's measured path is all gone o'er;
Up all his years, steeply, with strain and sigh,
Man clomb until he touched the truth; and I,
Even I, am he whom it was destined for."

How should this be? Art thou, then, so much more
Than they who sawed that thou shouldst reap thereby?
Nay, come by hither. From this wave-washed mound
Unto the farthest food-brom-land with me.

Then reach on with thy thought till it be drawn'd;
Miles and miles distant though the gray line be,
And though thy soul sail leagues and leagues beyond—
Still, leagues beyond those leagues there is more sea.

—Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

In the Attic.
Here in the dusty attic air
Where gray webs quiver to and fro,
I slowly climb the creaking stair
And know so well in time ago
And there beside the papered pane
Where sunlight shifts its misty rays,
I find an old friend's room and fall
The trundle bed of childhood days.

O trundle small, I hold so dear,
Half hidden in your corner brown wood;
The dust of dust of yesteryear
Has drawn you in a velvet hood.
The spiders toil with steady zeal
And as they swiftly rise and fall
They link you with the spinning wheel
That rests beside the moldy wall.

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O treasured friend of other days
What memories you now awake!
I watch (in dream) the sun's last rays
And figure weird the shadows make.
And once again I tucked away
And as they swiftly rise and fall
They link you with the spinning wheel
That rests beside the moldy wall.

O dear voice singing me to sleep,
—Victor A. Hermann, in New York Sun.

Too Late.
Too late to say farewell!
To turn, and bid adieu, and forget,
And take up the dropped life of yesterday.
So ancient, so far off, is yesterday,
To the last hour ere I had kissed thy cheek!
Too late to say farewell!

Too late to say farewell!
Can I again remember as of old?
A touch, a tone, hath changed the heaven and earth,
And in a hand-clasp, all begins anew,
Somewhat of me is thine, of thee is mine.
Too late to say farewell!

Too late to say farewell!
We are not Mayday masquers, thou and I,
We have lived deep life, we have drunk of tragic springs;
'Tis for light hearts to take light leave of love,
But, ah! for me, for thee, too late, dear Spirit!

Too late to say farewell!
Too late to say farewell!
—William Watson.

The Eternal Song.
The Love supreme in myriad riddles frets
Time's arid deserts, with the freshness seen
Agleam in dawning sunlight's misty sheen;
Or dew, in folded in the flowers.

So gently on they glide, we pass along
Unnoted; when pervading everywhere,
As sweetest incense wafting in the air,
These silent streamlets breathe the eternal song.

Of Love's unfathomed depths, which they disclose,
Love permeates remotest bounds of earth
With fulgency; imparting to life's death
The beauty of the lily and the rose.

Fulfillment of a Prophecy.
Hannibal, the illustrious general,
Driven to despair by his enemies, had taken poison and had laid himself down to die.
"Anyhow," he said, "my name will live in history."

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"From tragedies in German to 'Mrs. Dotti'!" I cried. "How did you come to do it, Somerset?" "He peeled the silver wrapping from a great black cigar."

"My German tragedies," he said, "had few hearers, and those hearers were sympathetic. I, in those days, was like the science professor who found, one night, that his audience consisted of but a single person."

"The amphitheater was very large. The audience, a little man, sat high up and far back on the last bench. 'My friend,' said the professor, generally, 'why don't you come nearer? You would hear much better on the front row.'"

"Oh, rats!" said the audience. "It didn't come in to listen to you. I came to get a warm."

Teddy in the Jungles.
It was in darkest Africa.
"This hunt shall not be in vain!" thundered Teddy the strenuous.

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A Poor Eventive.
"Your husband says that when he is angry he always counts ten before he speaks," said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other. "I wish he'd stop it. Since he got dyspepsia, home seems nothing but a class in arithmetic."

Seemed to Awaken Memories.
Tommy—Paw, what is three-card monte?

Mr. Tucker—It's the most diabolical, infernal swindle that ever anybody—er—er—O, it's some sort of gambling game with cards, I believe, Tommy.—Chicago Tribune.

WRONG AGAIN.

"And if for any reason we fail to sight a white rhinoceros and a white elephant, we have a ton of whitewash in our caravan to use on the black ones. Forward!"

With a mighty thrashing of undergrowth, Teddy and his band vanished into the forest.

How She Read.
While auntie arranged the pantry shelves, her little niece handled the spiceboxes and called out each spice by name. Presently she said: "Auntie, I can read."

"Can you, dear?" answered auntie.

"Yes, auntie," came the reply, "but I don't read like you do. I read by the smell."—Delineator.

A Name Suggestion.
"Was Bill much excited when he heard the news?"
"Very much so, and they took a very commercial way at the store to soothe his agitation."

"How so?"
"The manager said: 'Bill, collect yourself.'"

Her Smile.
She had a smile that was divine,
I drank it as a man drinks wine.
And longing, thirsting, drank it up—
I kissed her smile.

—Judge.

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